

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated October 5, 2005. Claims 1 to 3 and 5 are in the application, of which Claim 1 is the only independent claim. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claim 6 contains allowable subject matter.

The specification was objected to as allegedly failing to indicate the subject matter of Claim 3. However, the objection included a quotation from an older version of Claim 3, which has since been amended. Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the previous Amendment dated July 11, 2005, in which Claim 3 was amended to remove the term which formed the basis of the objection. As the term had already been deleted, Applicant submits that the objection was and remains moot. Accordingly, Applicant again respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and has canceled Claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Applicant submits that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The remaining claims in this application are each dependent from Claim 1 discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention,

however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

On another matter, Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated October 24, 2005. Included with the IDS was a Form PTO-1449, which Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner initial and return.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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